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## **Application of CFACC Roles to Humanitarian Operations: Operation UNIFIED ASSISTANCE**



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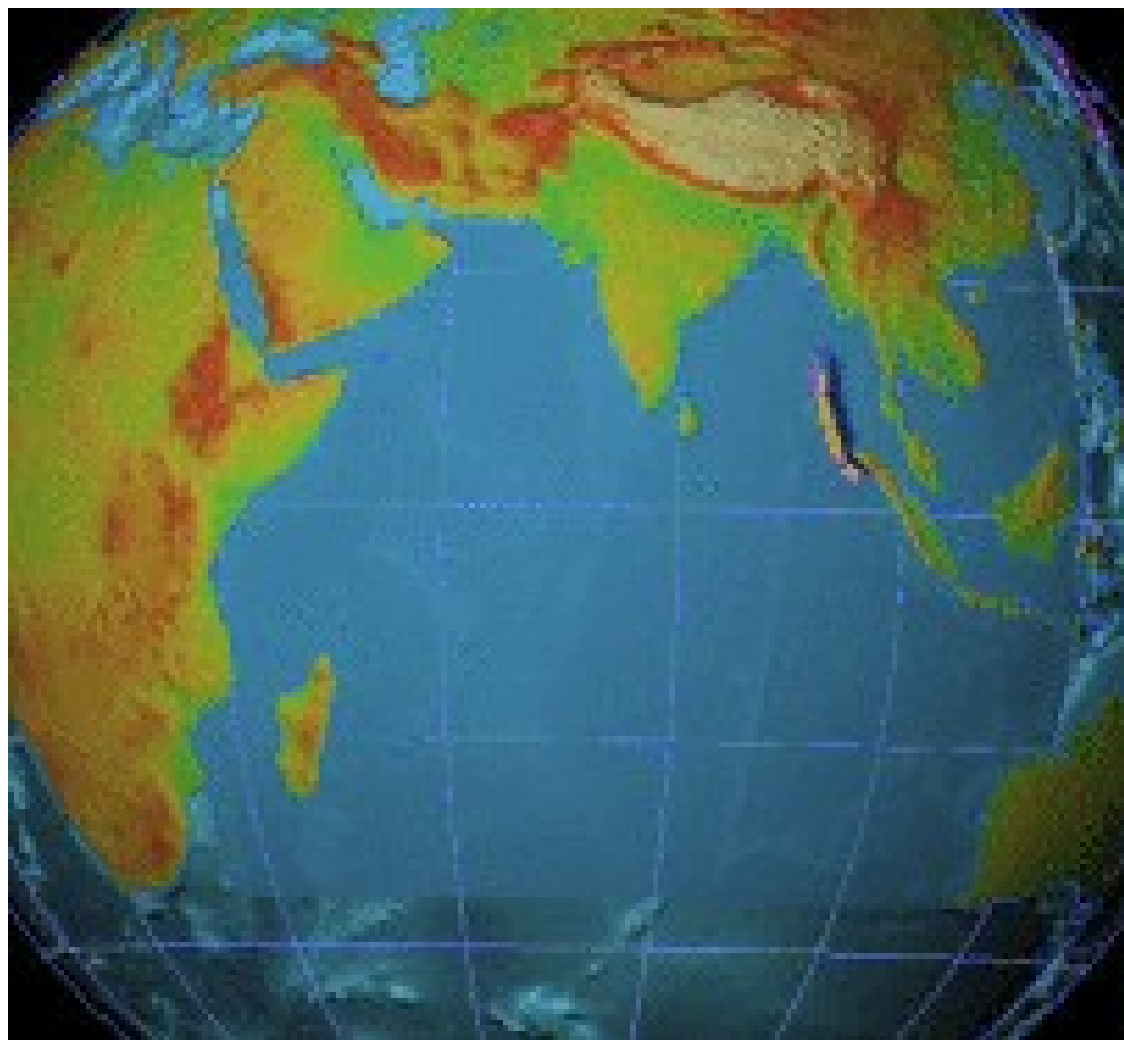
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## 9.3 Earthquake Generates Cataclysmic Tsunami

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# Banda Aceh Shoreline Before and After





# The Magnitude of the Tragedy

**Indonesia:** 128,645  
Dead  
37,063 Missing  
532,898  
Displaced

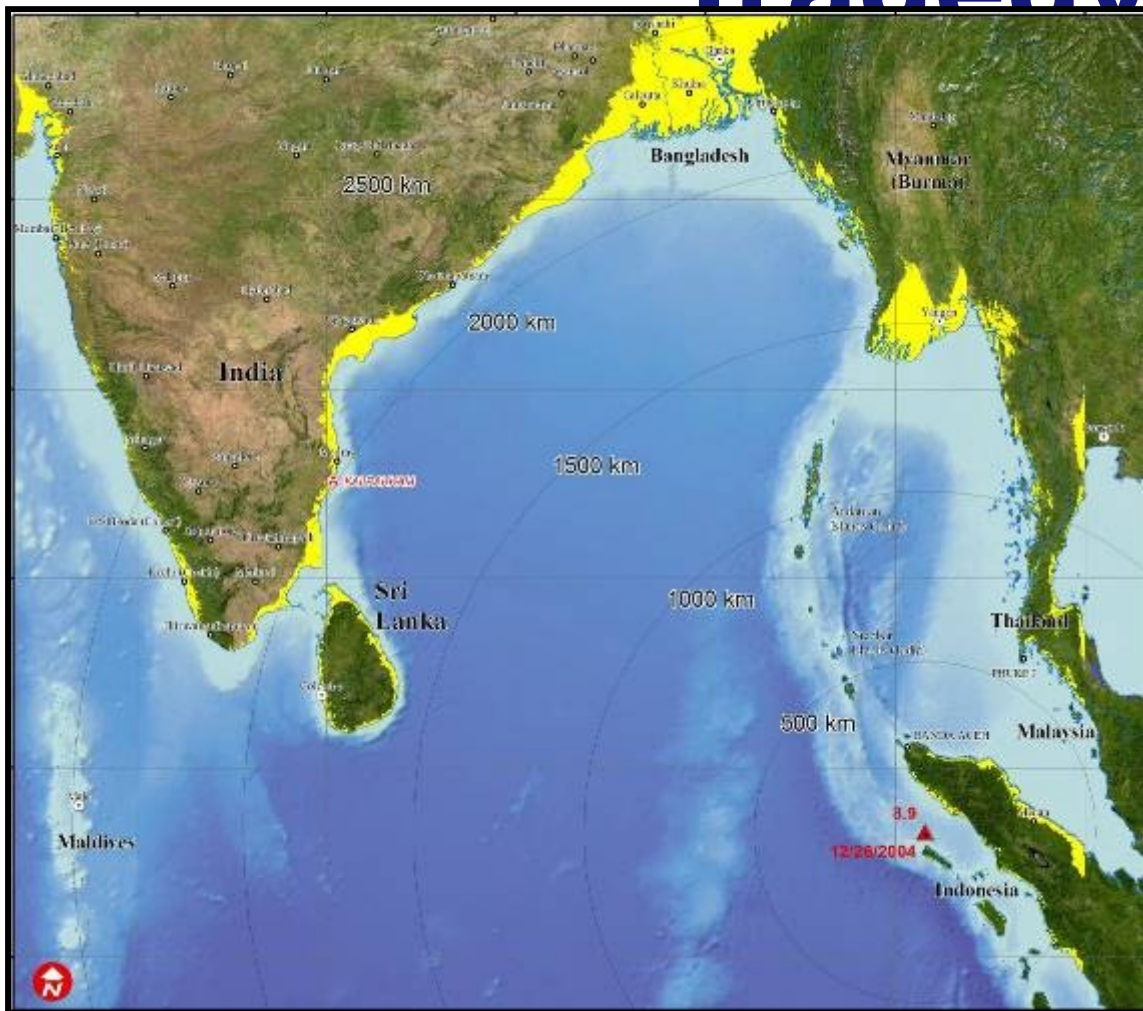
**Sri Lanka:** 31,147  
Dead  
519,063  
Displaced

**India:** 10,749 Dead  
647,599  
Displaced

**Thailand:** 5,395  
Dead

**Somalia:** 150 Dead  
5,000  
Displaced

**Myanmar:** 90 Dead

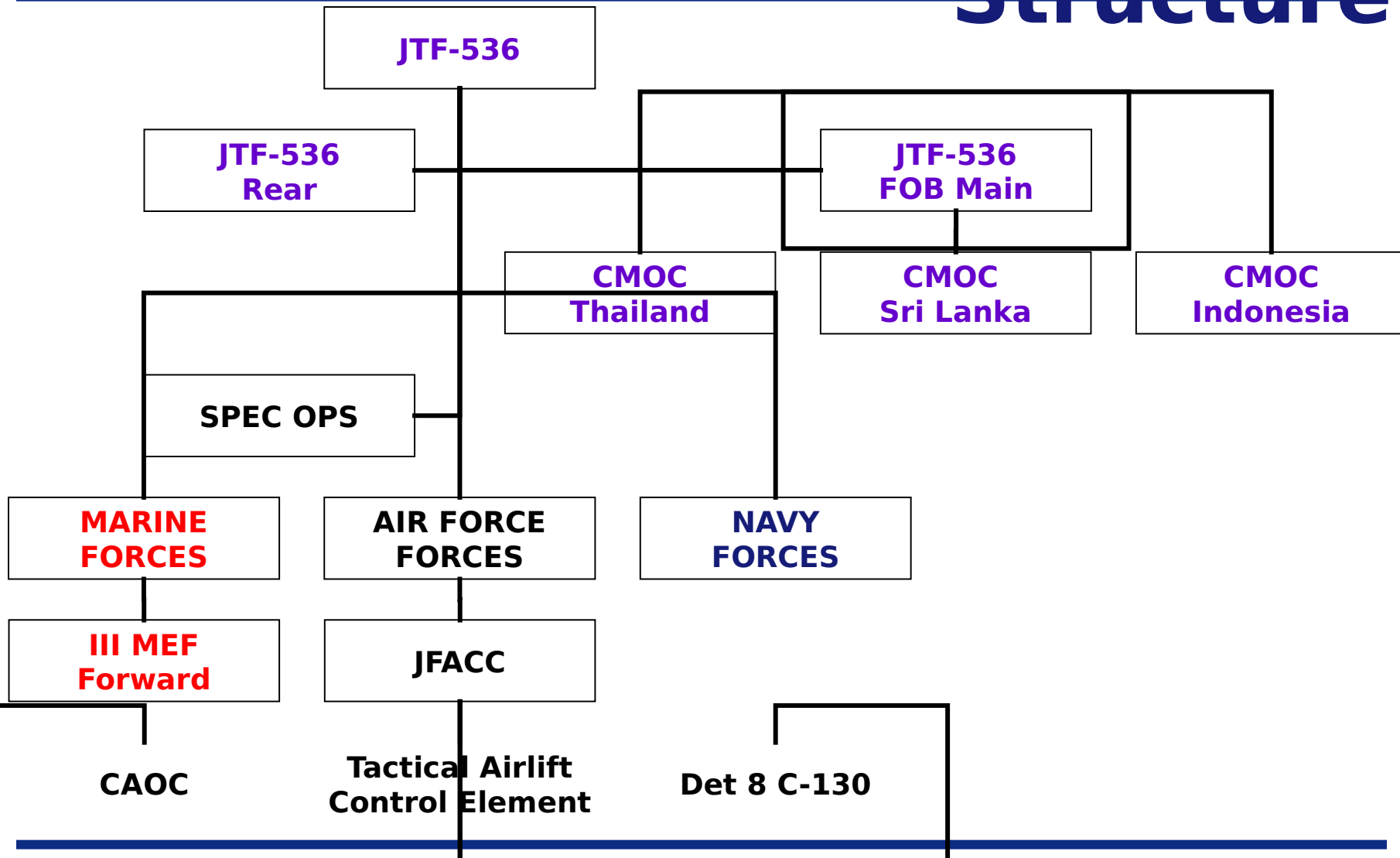








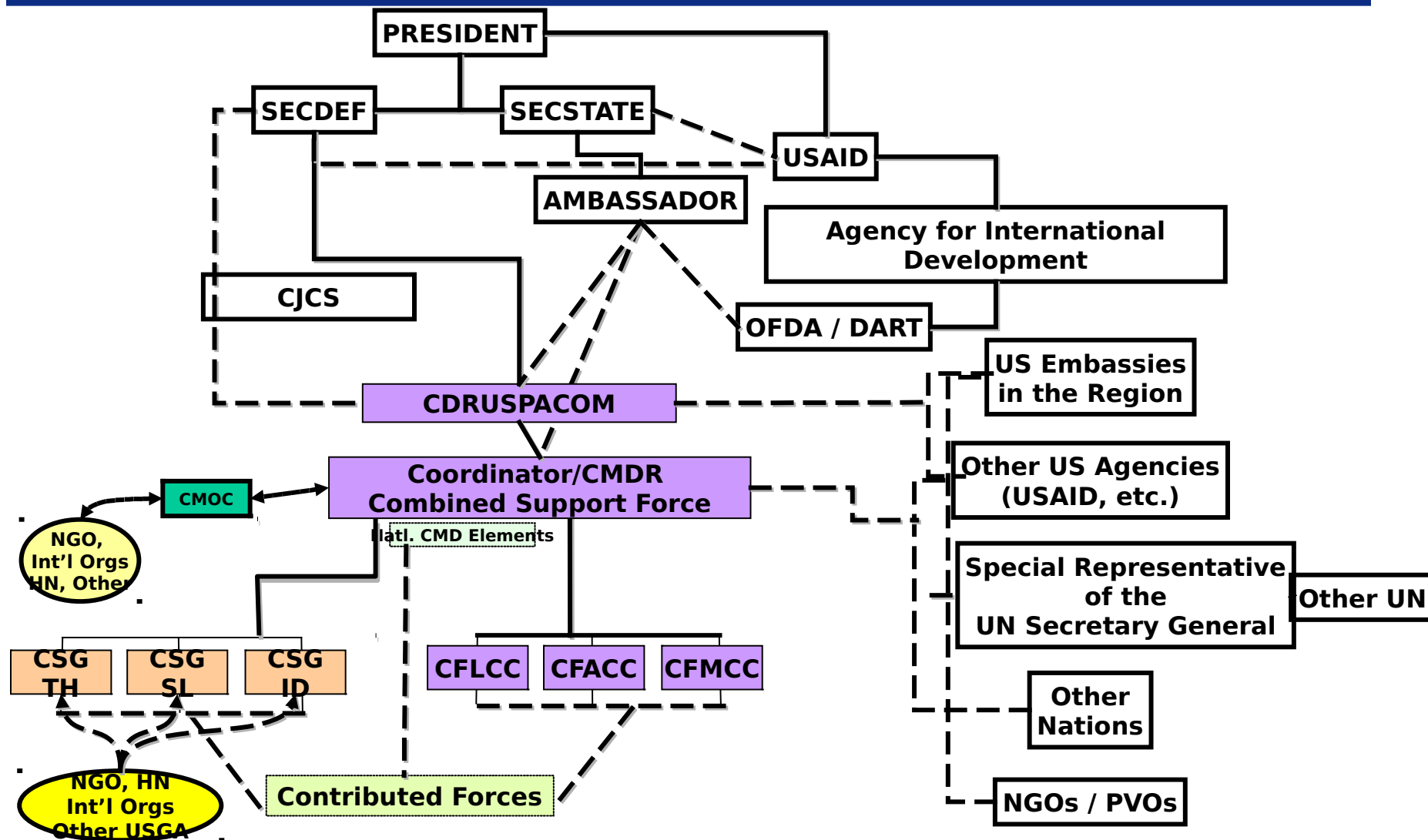
# Initial Command Structure



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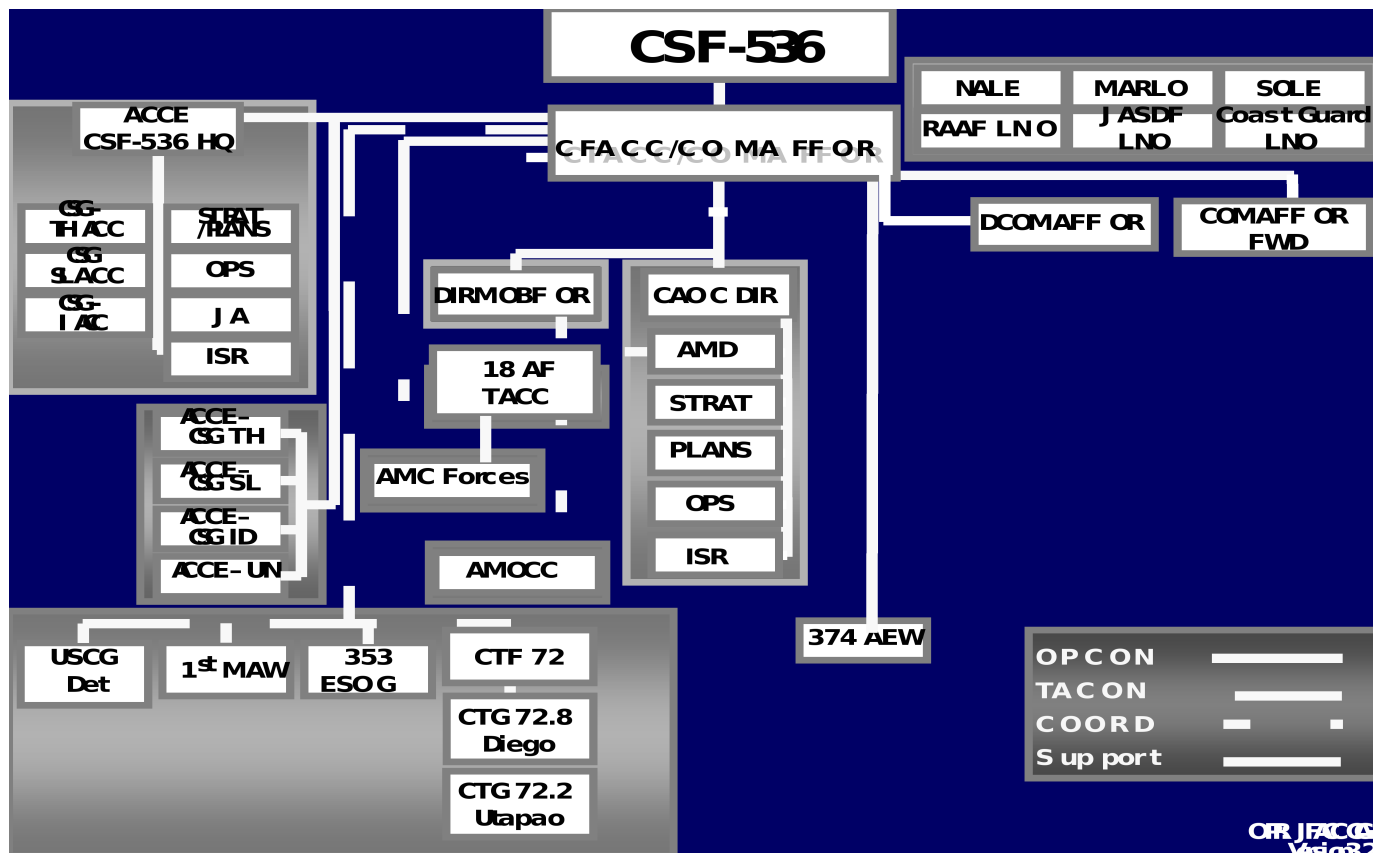


# Interagency Relationships





# CSF-536 CFACC Command Structure







# OUA -- JFACC Basic Concept

Conduct air operations to deploy, enable, and sustain CSF 536 HA/DR

Conduct air and space operations to provide situation awareness to support relief and search and rescue operations

Conduct information dissemination to inform, assist, and enable multi-national relief operations

**Inter-theater lift to hubs:**

- Colombo
- Utaaphao
- Jakarta

**Intra-theater lift to spokes:**

- Banda Aceh
- Medan
- Phuket

**Helicopter lift to relief areas**

Colombo

Phuket

Banda Aceh

Medan

Utaaphao

Jakarta

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# The CFACC's Initial Challenge and Solution

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## ■ The Challenge: Targeting Relief Efforts

- Limiters: Knowing **WHERE** the right places were and having authority to **TASK** the right people

## ■ The Solution: CFACC's Intent

- Conduct air operations to *deploy, enable, and sustain* CSF 536 Humanitarian Assistance / Disaster Relief (HA/DR)
- Conduct air and space operations to provide *situation awareness* to support relief and search and rescue operations
- Conduct information operations dissemination to *inform, assist, and enable* multi-national relief operations
- Prepare plans to ensure *smooth transition* to Non-governmental and humanitarian organizations



# Follow-on Challenges

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- **Command and Control relationships over air assets not initially clearly defined**
  - **Competing priorities of resources**
  - **Assessing the damage: unity of ISR effort**
- **Understanding priorities of other nations, civilian organizations and incorporating into coherent plan**
- **Continuation of habitual relationships within joint/ multinational forces and host nations**
  - **Access, trust and command relationships**



# Follow-on Successes

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- **Use of Standing CAOC**
- **Establishing Air Component Coordination Elements (ACCE)**
- **Standing Theater Security Cooperation use**
  - **Previously established relationships to efficiently coordinate airlift**



# Accomplishments

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- **Largest humanitarian airlift mission since the Berlin Airlift (1948-1949)**
- **Over 434 humanitarian airlift missions flown**
- **More than 18.4M pounds of water, food, clothing and medical supplies delivered**
- **Transported 859 Indigenous Displaced Persons**





# Take Aways

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- **Need for a standing headquarters and CFACC within the AOR for Air and Space operations**
  - **Kenney HQ Established 1 June**
  - **IMMEDIATE command, control and expertise**
- **Strong multinational relationships key to next contingency**
  - **Multinational security programs**
  - **Exercises and exchanges**
    - **Example: PACIFIC AIRLIFT RALLY (August '05)**



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## **Questions / Discussion**



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